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CASE OF JAMES SMITH STILL ON; DEFENSE IS MAKING HARD FIGHT.

Expert Testimony Being Given by Physicians Regarding Mental Condition of Prisoner at Time of Shooting.

A DIXMONT OFFICER ON STAND.

Suit Entered Against Connellsville Borough by Mrs. Ella Herwick for Damages Alleged to Have Been Done Her Property on Pittsburg Street

UMONTOWN Dec. 13.—The hard fought case against James Smith for the shooting of his son-in-law William Wirsing, of Smithfield just sum- mer, is still on and attracts unusual attention. The afternoon session of Wednesday and most of the time this morning was devoted to expert testimony, the defense trying every means to prove that Smith was mentally unbalanced when he shot Wirsing. Dr. H. Hutchinson, for the past 21 years superintendent of the Dixmont Insane Asylum, was on the stand for a long time describing the different kinds of mental derangement that are known as paranoid. The victim of this disease is of a very suspicious nature and this is aggravated when drinking is indulged in. Smith was under the influence of liquor when he shot Wirsing.

Dr. Hutchinson examined Smith and stated that there was not the slightest doubt in his mind as to his condition. Other physicians corroborated this testimony. It is doubtful if the case will be finished before late this evening.

Samuel Klein of the firm of Smith & Klein of Youngstown, O., was found guilty of selling liquor without a license but was recommended to the court's mercy. Klein was presented by Constable Adam Brown of Everson. Klein's defense was that the sales were actually made in Ohio, as they were deposited in the express of Ohio there and sent C. O. D. The jury disagreed with him, however.

E. Ross of Connellsville was found guilty Wednesday of larceny by bailee and assault and battery. Prosecution was made by T. B. Frost of Connellsville. The case, revv'd out of Frost's son pawing a watch with Ross, Counter charges were made against Frost and County Detective A. E. McBeth but they were discharged before a Umontown Justice of the Peace.

Samuel E. Murphy was tried for \$2,000 against the Borough of Connellsville claiming damages for being struck by Cooper's automobile on the pike. The buggy was smashed and Murphy claims he was badly injured.

Constable Andy Bowie arrested Charles Riggs on a street car in Umontown. J. W. Grimm and Frank L. Clark of Mr. Braddock pointing him out to the officer. Riggs at the jail ad mitted stealing watches from both of the men and will enter a plea of guilty to larceny. Both watches were recovered.

The County Commissioners have appointed Jackson Thomas to be mercantile appraiser in Henry Clay town ship. Thomas lives at Somerdale.

ALL A MISTAKE.

True Bill Against Cash Grimm Returned Through Error

Through a peculiar circumstance the name of Cash Grimm was presented before the Grand Jury and a true bill returned against him for conspiracy in connection with the legend defrauding of Harry L. Holt of Ohio in a like prize fight. At though the true bill was returned against Grimm it was done through an error.

At the hearing some weeks ago he gave Square W. P. Clark here Grimm was acquitted but through an oversight his name was sent to the District Attorney. The District Attorney in turn was notified but he also forgot the writer and this is the why the Grand Jury got hold of the indictment.

Wage Advance at Sharon. Four thousand employees of the United States Steel Corporation at Sharon will receive a new year's present in the shape of an advance in wages on January 1. All laborers, furnace workers, carpenters, machinists, bricklayers, etc., others employed at the works in Sharon and South Sharon will be benefited.

VERDICT CUT DOWN.

Woman Sues for \$8,000 and Gets But \$601.50

The suit of Mrs. W. H. Stapleton against the West Penn Railways Company which has been on trial in Connellsville for the past few days came to a close Wednesday evening. Mrs. Stapleton sued for \$8,000 claim to have been injured on January 1, 1905.

The jury this morning returned a verdict of \$601.50 in favor of the plaintiff.

A \$10,000 BABY.

Thomas Barrett Presents Grandson, Eugene Murphy, Son of Owen Murphy, With That Sum in Bonds

If little Eugene Murphy, son of Owen Murphy, the well known coke oven builder and general contractor, goes on for a few years he will be as lucky as his pop when he gets to be a man. Yesterday Thomas Barrett, grandfather of little Eugene came from Youngstown, O., where he is proprietor of one of the best racing hotels. It was the first time he ever had eyes on his grandson who is now two years and four months old.

Grandad had been in the house but a few minutes till the young Murphy had made up with him. Whenever Grandad went little Murphy was at his heels. The upshot of it was this morning, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Murphy were surprised by the present of \$10,000 worth of United States Steel Corporation bonds to be held in trust for their son until he becomes of age.

PRIESTS ARE ARRESTED.

Sixty-nine Arrested for Saying Masses Without Authority

PARIS Dec. 1.—[Special]—This morning priests have been held in all French Catholic Churches it is frequent in events except for an evident strain and expectancy there is nothing beyond the unusual crowds to indicate the crisis at all churches. Government agents were present to get the names of officiating priests and priests and the police to answer the charge of saying masses without lawful authority.

The stringency in the money now at its zenith led to Secret Service Agents and unenlightened priests are among the most numerous. We have more reason than circulation, medium and is more plentiful than for many years. Woods are comparatively scarce. Birds will turn over matted ground squirrels, and others have been taken to create quantities this year.

Kirkhoff recommends the proposed bill for a gamblers license tax of \$1 a year and it is to be enacted to extend prohibition, unenlightened, formerly from existing districts in this State.

Accompanying the report of Kirkhoff is the report of the Commission which definitely establishes the report of the Secret Service. It has been suggested as to legislation extending the existing open season for wild fowl.

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ORIENTAL BLOWS UP TWO MEN ARE KILLED.

Eight Hundred Kegs of Powder Let Go in Magazine at Olyphant This Morning.

DAMAGE DONE WAS NOT GREAT

MILL IS INTACT AND ONLY MAGAZINE WHICH WAS REMOVED GOOD DISTANCE FROM WORKS WAS DESTROYED—CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT UNKNOWN—ONE MAN INJURED.

FAIRCHANCE, Dec. 13.—Two men were killed and another seriously injured in an explosion early this morning at the Oriental Powder Company's works a short distance from here. Tony Fazio, an Italian, was instantly killed, while William Hickle of High House was so badly injured that he died shortly after the accident. Charles Fike was seriously injured but will survive. The cause of the accident is not known. The big magazine was blown to atoms, but fortunately there was but one day's run on hand. About 800 kegs of giant powder went up. The two men killed were in the magazine at the time. This building is removed some distance away from the works, which are located at the foot of the mountains, above Olyphant, and little damage was done to them.

The shock was felt for several miles around. Much excitement was caused in Fairchance and surrounding coke towns and for a time wild rumors were afloat. The men had just come to work when the accident occurred. Fazio was 21 years of age and single, but Hickle, who was about 24, leaves a wife. The agitation of getting the powder mill out of the neighborhood, which began before the big blast explosion, has been renewed and the Fairchance citizens are much worked up over the matter. Had there been more powder in the magazine the entire plant would probably have been wiped out.

What caused the explosion is not known. Fike was some distance away from the magazine when the explosion occurred. He is not able to make a statement as yet but it is likely that he knows how the powder was set off. Hickle made no statement before he died so far as is known. The shock was distinctly felt at Uniontown. Some small houses near the powder works were rocked and some glass broken. The mill proper was not damaged any.

GREENE'S FUTURE.

Rice's Landing Looked Upon As An Industrial Center.

RICES' LANDING, Dec. 8.—This busy town will soon have a railroad, the first broad gauge in Greene county. The coal business is developing with rapid strides and is fast distilling all other lines of industry here. For many years past Rice's Landing has been one of the principal towns of the county from a business standpoint. It has a National bank, with a capital stock of \$25,000 and deposits aggregating \$65,000. The town has been growing steadily and has had its share of prosperity which has been sweeping over the Monongahela Valley for the past six years.

The Dilworth Coal Company runs the only coal works in Greene county operating the river vein of coal and is located at this place. The works employ about 250 men and the pay roll amounts to \$5,000 every two weeks. The coal is reached by a 160-foot shaft and is of good quality. So far all the coal has had to be shipped by water, but the new railroad is expected to help matters considerably. James M. Black, the superintendent, is said to have been a large factor in the success of the local works. Supt Black has received word from the promoters of the railroad that they will be ready to load coal at the mine by the first of the year. The Uniontown Shortline will cross the river only a short distance above town and it is expected that transportation facilities will be greatly increased within the next two years.

Rice's Landing has six first class stores and two good hotels and all these business establishments have been doing a rushing business. The officers and directors of the National bank, which commenced business January 20, 1904, are as follows: President, A. E. Hackney; Vice President, Thomas Hughes; Cashier, J. C. Wood; Directors: R. H. Actlin, N. H. Bidle, Oscar Hartley, Thomas Hughes, W. S. Register, J. E. Wood, John Antrim, A. E. Hackney, S. A. Hoge, W. O. Kline and J. M. Walton. The triennial assessment just completed by Frank Fisher, the Assessor, shows an increase over that of three years ago of over 40 per cent. The total valuation for this year is \$244,673, and that of three years ago is \$146,000. These figures show the very substantial increase which has been made by the borough since 1902.

Rice's Landing is the shipping point for Jefferson, Lippscott, Kehive, Carmichaels and the surrounding country and its river business has been one of the principal elements in the development of the community. Building is booming here also. Many new houses have been going up in the past year and the Dilworth company has just completed 10 new houses. The demand for houses has outrun the supply and many more will be built in the near future. Last, but not least, the

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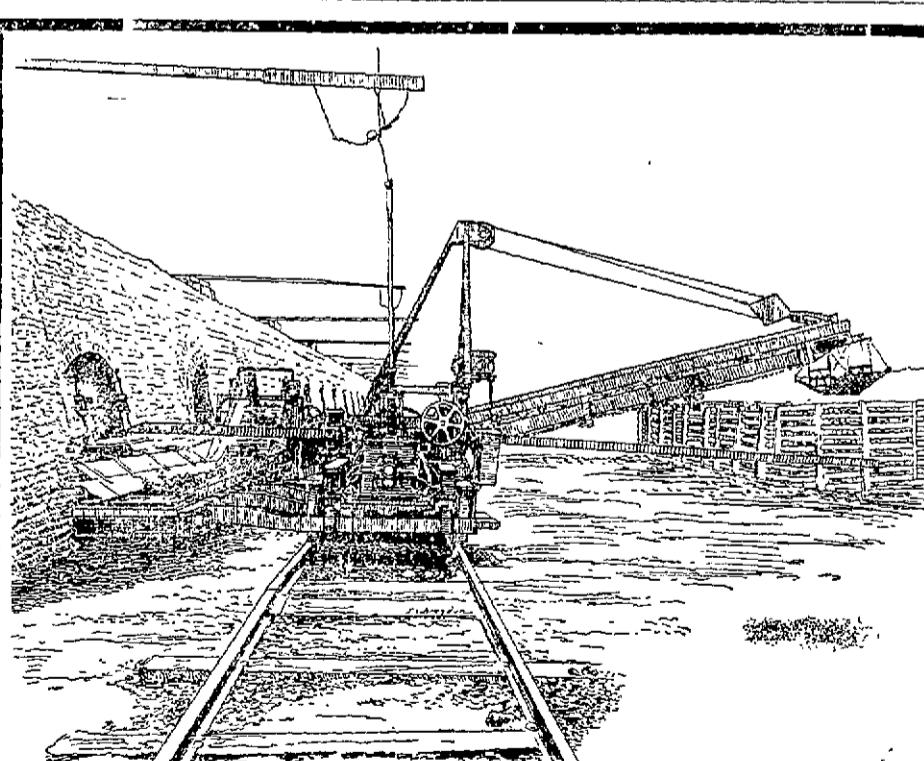
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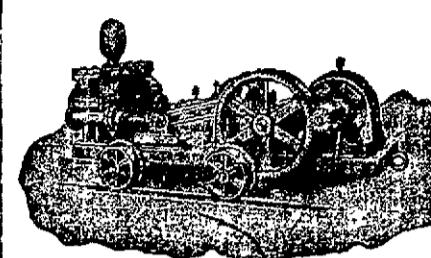
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CHARITY.

Also for the rags,
Of charity, poverty
Under the sun!

Among the great virtues of the Christian character, the Master particularly enumerated Faith, Hope and Charity "and the greatest of these." He said "Charity," yet the poet bewails the fact that it is the least cultivated of all the Christian virtues.

Charity means more than mere alms giving. Much of the charity of the mighty but fifth dollar receives but small credit in the books of the Recording Angel because it is either grudgingly given or bestowed in the mere pride of vulgar display. The widow's mite it will be remembered was the largest offering in a noted congregation. The unwilling charity warns no hearts contumacious charity is only an expression of vanity.

Greater charity than this is the charity of the strong for the weak, the charity of the living for the dead, the charity of the righteous for the wayward, the charity that remembers our virtues and forgives our imperfections, the charity that pities the fallen and lifts them up and stands unshaken beside them. Such charity is god-like.

The Son of Man turned not away from sorrow and suffering, spurned and sin. He put forth His hand and helped both sin and suffering to their feet, washed their wounds and cleansed their souls ministered to their bodily and spiritual needs. Among His modern disciples there is too great a disposition to be Pharisees to set them selves above their neighbors to draw the hem of their garments about them, and pass disdainfully on the other side. The compassionate One did not so.

How much brasher and better and happier the world would be if carpenters were silent. If the envious word remained unspoken, if the back biting tongue wagged not, if the son of malice remained undisturbed, if sweet charity covered them all with her broad mantle of ineffable dignity and blotted their bitterness out.

In the approaching days of Peace and Good Will on earth, let us all, saints and sinners alike, strive earnestly to be charitable in spirit as well as in purse, not letting the right hand know what the left hand does.

THE JAPANESE QUESTION.

The Japanese question has been given a great deal more prominence than its importance demanded. The Constitution and the laws and treaties made in pursuance thereof govern the whole question. The President and the Tapans, the Congress and the Califorians, will all have to bow to them. It is just as well to bow gracefully, and the meek will remain meek, and not raise a tremor in the air.

Senator Kuhn, who has the happy faculty of drawing simple and judicious conclusions from the crystal depths of a judicial and dispassionate mind, has expressed the situation clearly. It is a question of law, pure and simple.

The treaties, made by the Federal Government are unquestionably binding upon the Sovereign State. California is bound by the treaty with China to give her citizens such consideration as is properly extended to other foreign residents, but whether it is a duty imposed by treaty to cause them to open to question.

In the making of treaties each nation is presumed to know the laws of another and especially the limitations, if any there be, upon the treaty making power. In the case of the United States, the powers of Federal Government are limited to those conferred especially by the Constitution all others being reserved to the States. The common school system of the country is peculiarly a State institution. The Federal Government never had a right to do with it, and never contributed a dollar to its support. It is a matter over which the Federal powers have no jurisdiction whatever. It is a right reserved to the States themselves. It is fair to assume, therefore, that the right to a common school education at public expense was not one of the rights that could be conferred by treaty upon Japanese subjects residing in this country or which was intended to be conferred.

The serious part about it is that most of the States, perhaps California included, have been permitting the children of foreign subjects' resident within their borders to attend their public schools and be educated at public expense as a right, but as a duty to civilization and an investment in the present good order and possible future good citizenship. This fact has impelled the Japanese to demand as a spend even the small sum thrust into right that which has been extended as the hands of their Chairman. Who

ever heard of a Democratic organization supporting a Democratic ticket having any money on hand after a campaign?

The Prohibitionists raised probably much more money than the Republicans and spent more than that raised, but they employed high priced speakers to spread the gospel of Prohibition and their printing bills were not characterized by a mean and rugged policy. Editor Latham has to live.

The size of the campaign funds of Fayette county measures the confidence of the several parties in their respective causes, a confidence which was misplaced by but a single one of the parties and that party was not the Democratic party.

It there is any doubt about this matter of compulsory education of foreign subjects it ought to be made plain and now is the time to do it. It is gratifying therefore, to know that the proper and orderly procedure has been inaugurated. If the decision of the court shall be disastrous to the Japanese Government, or to the citizens of California the existing treaty should be amended in such manner as to provide for such education as far as possible on just and satisfactory conditions.

WINTER.

Beautiful snow and bitter weather are welcome in some quarters but in others humanity shinks shivering and寒戰.

Fires and accidents follow in the wake of biting winter. Homes are laid desolate and hearts likewise. The Frost King plucks the poor bodies of the scanty dead and laughs in glee when their habitations go up in smoke. Winter is not universally welcome.

Particular care should be exercised at this season with regard to fire. Too many people are all too careless in looking after their households. Especially should children be guarded from the calamities which their innocent curiosity frequently brings upon them. Winter is not universally welcome.

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In the meantime the public units in the hope that the merchants may succeed in bringing about a harmonious and satisfactory settlement of the dispute.

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THE MORTON WILL PROBATED THIS WEEK.

Mrs. Amanda Morton Disposes of Valuable Property With Handsome Bequests for Relatives and M. E. Church.

ESTATE WORTH OVER \$50,000.

True Bills Were Found This Morning in the Connellsburg Graft Cases Cases on Trial in Civil Court This Morning—A Verdict Rendered in the Patton Case.

UNIONTOWN, Dec 7.—The will of the late Mrs. Amanda Morton deceased wife of A. B. Morton of Connell'sville and for many years a prominent figure in that town, was admitted to probate this morning. Letters testamentary have been granted W. A. Bishop as executor of the document. A number of bequests are made by the deceased. The document provides that a suitable monument be erected in Chestnut Hill Cemetery and that \$100 be set aside as a permanent fund to keep the grounds surrounding her grave in good shape. To her niece, Mrs. Jennie L. Thompson, is given the property on Pittsburg street, occupied by Dr. J. D. Jackson and the Adams Express Company, to the First Methodist Episcopal Church is given \$3,000 while the Foreign Missionary Society of the same church is given \$500. The balance of her estate is bequeathed to her husband, A. B. Morton, with the provision that if he is living, that legal steps be taken to have the property conveyed to her grandson Ralph Morton when he shall attain the age of 30 years, if a commission shall judge that he is a fit person to take charge of it. In case of Ralph Morton's death, the property shall revert to his heirs if any are living but if he dies before his grandfather, everything shall go to A. B. Morton.

The Grand Jury late Thursday afternoon returned true bills against Cousin William McCormick, R. W. McCormick and George A. Marrett, the alleged Connellsburg grafters. The bills against William McCormick charge him with being interested in forged contracts, forgery and false pretense, while the other two are charged with only false pretense and forgery.

Before Judge Reppert this morning the case of James Miller against P. A. Johns of Uniontown was taken up. Miller is suing Johns for \$500, alleged to be a balance due him for the construction of the Bill Britts distillery in Salkitt township. It is said that Johns admits an indebtedness of \$300, and efforts were made to settle the case before it was brought to trial.

The case of Max G. Seegerer against Morris Krell was taken up before Judge Umbel Thursday afternoon and continued until about noon today. The two parties were in partnership in a meat store in Indiana county but Greenberger bought out Krell's interest. He claims that \$243.50 is due him as a result of the deal.

A verdict in favor of the defendant was returned in the suit of T. H. Patton of Brownsville against Thomas H. Ladd of Uniontown. Patton sued for \$1,300 compensation on a coal deal.

George J. Hiltzberg of South Connellsville has filed an answer to the suit brought against him by the Elk County National Bank to recover on promissory notes. Hiltzberg admits giving the notes to W. F. Raisenburt but denies that the bank purchased them. He claims that they were given as collateral security and debts are indebtedness to the bank.

Edward Flood and Edward Lavington entered a plea of guilty to breaking into a powder magazine at Brownsville and stealing a large quantity of dynamite. They are suspected of being guilty of several similar crimes.

UNIONTOWN, Dec 8.—Shortly before noon today all civil cases on the list of this week were disposed of and Judge Reppert dismissed the jurors. The usual compliments and thanks of the court were extended to the men empanelled to serve this week. Judge Reppert complimented the men on the fact that there was not a single delay during the week through the negligence or tardiness of a juror. Of the 25 cases on the list 14 were tried while the rest were either settled out of court or continued for cause.

This morning a number of true bills were returned one being against C. K. Brooks Walter Colborn and Geo. Bigam road supervisors of Springfield township prosecuted by J. T. Murray for neglecting their duty in not maintaining the roads of the township in the proper manner. One was also returned against Ambrose G. Bradley and Charles Cooley, both of a Fair chance hotel charged with furnishing liquor to minors, also against Mary Hecht of Juniatown and Samuel Fox of Fairchance charged with disposing of goods for the purpose of defrauding creditors.

The suit of Adam Smock against J. C. Higginbotham a prominent Jim ber dealer of Brownsville caused the jury to remain out a night before an agreement was reached. Higginbotham had trouble with boys on Holloween night, and on this occasion in 1903 he laid for them. When they attempted to haul away his wagons and do other damage he interfered. A fight resulted, Higginbotham firing into the crowd. Smock was struck in the leg with a bullet and was confined \$5,000 damages. This morning the

jury returned a verdict of \$33.50 in Smock's favor.

The suit of Bertie Laposki and others against Constable H. C. Crawford was tried this morning. Crawford was tried on two cows and some household goods in Greenwood, and a dispute in ownership resulted in the suit.

The last case taken up during the week before Judge Umbel was that of E. L. Sears against John F. Showman. Sears seeks to recover \$100 commis sion. He is a real estate agent in Believeron and claims that Showman offered him \$100 to sell some property he found a purchaser willing to give \$2,500, but Showman declined to make a dead deal. Sears thinks he is entitled to the commission.

The Grand Jury completed its work at noon and was discharged. The re port made by them showed the number of bills considered was 113, of which 108 were found true and 32 ignored. One bill was withdrawn.

An unusual feature connected with this jury was in a recommendation attached to their report that immediate steps be taken to do away with the petty and trivial cases that come before the Grand Jury on consideration, and that Justices of the Peace throughout the county discourage cases of this nature.

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SHOOTS HUSBAND.

Thomas Brozik of Footedale Works is the victim.

UNIONTOWN, Dec 10.—An other murder has been committed in the Monongahela region. Footedale being the scene of this latest homicide Sunday evening about six o'clock, Mrs. Annie Brozik, a Bohemian woman about 35 years old, shot and mortally killed her husband, Thomas Brozik, in the home at Footedale. The affair is a mystery, but it is believed that the two had quarreled in the past they have had many quarrels. Persons in the neighborhood state that they heard a noise in the house Sunday evening followed by three shots. A short time later Mrs. Brozik ran out of the house and sought refuge in the home of her married son, nearby, where she was arrested a few hours later by Constable Jacob Altmann. She was arraigned on charge of murder before Squire William Jeffries of New Salem and brought to jail.

According to Mrs. Brozik, the two had a quarrel in the evening. A revolver was on the table and Brozik made a dive for it. In the scuffle that ensued a shot was fired the bullet lodging in the ceiling. She then wrested the gun from her husband and fired two shots through his heart. It is believed that the couple had been drinking for a beer keg was in the room. Conner A. S. Hogan will investigate the case assisted by Court Detective Alex McBeth.

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MARITAL WOES OF SPRINGFIELD COUPLE AIRED IN COURT BEFORE JUDGE UMBEL.

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ANOTHER SQUIRE DENIED COSTS.

Court Following Recommendation of Grand Jury Regarding Trivial Cases Man May Get Divorce After Waiting Eight Years.

UNIONTOWNS, Dec. 13.—This is the first session of criminal court since 1894 that there have been no murder cases for trial. For this reason less interest than usual is being manifested in its sessions. Had the Broth shooting scene at Footed occurred a few days sooner it might have been brought before the Grand Jury at this term. The family troubles of the Nicholson family of Springfield township were aired before Judge Umbel Monday afternoon, which resulted in the conviction of John H. Nicholson for desertion and non-support of his wife, Mrs. Phoebe Nicholson. Mrs. Nicholson, who the day has been married 27 years and has 12 children, seven of whom are less than 16 years of age, the youngest being 10 months old. The prosecutrix claimed that her husband left her last June and since that time has paid but \$2 towards the support of the large and growing family. His defense was that he had to go elsewhere to make sufficient money to raise a debt from their small farm but the jury convicted him on the charge pre-

ferred. After eight years there is an indication that William A. McLaughlin will get a divorce from his wife Katie McLaughlin on the ground of desertion. They were married at Fairchance in 1891, and the divorce bill was filed January 1, 1898. For some reason it was dropped for a time. McLaughlin alleges that he went to his wife on bended knee and implored her to return to him. He got a lemon for his trouble and now Master S. J. Morrow has filed a report recommending that a decree be issued.

Rather drastic measures were taken by the court in following on the recommendation of the Grand Jury against trivial cases when Jacob Smith was tried for assault and battery. William H. Hall of Bellsburg township being the prosecutor, Smith was found not guilty and the court directed that no costs be given. S. Moore, head of Everson's, the prosecutor, or any of the witnesses, was not allowed to stand on a similar charge as it was stated that he was more to do with the costs.

Theodore Ward of Connellsville tried and found guilty of shooting a robbing streams, the charge being preferred by J. C. Shawless. Shawless alleged that Ward shot at him with intent to kill.

Before Judge Repper this morning the case of Thomas A. Misted, colored, was brought to trial. Misted is alleged to have as master James Dillon, also colored, near Fairchance recently. Misted was brought to Connellsville by Captain Charles H. Thomas on Friday and this morning taken to Greensburg, where he was lodged in the Westmoreland county jail. The Baltimore & Ohio railroad police produced a lock from a man's coat house and also the lock from the switch which had been left open, causing the switch. He admitted that he had opened both locks.

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DARR DOESN'T KNOW EGAN.

B & O Engineer Put a Man Off but Heard No Threat.

Engineer Michael Darr who recently hauls No 10 th. Baltimore & Ohio eastbound express, but who was not working when the train was wrecked December 1 died yesterday at Pittsburgh, who he knew Patrick Egan who is locked up at Greencastle with knowing something of the wreck.

Egan is alleged to have made threats that he would get even with Darr for refusing to give him a ride a few nights previous to the wreck. Darr stated that a few nights before the wreck, a man jumped into the cab of the engine at McKeesport and wanted to ride to West Newton. Darr declares he put the man off and thought no more of the incident. As to a threat being made Darr says he did not hear it if it was uttered as to the man being Egan. Darr could not swear to either, he declares.

Col. Gaffey's Contribution.

Col. J. M. Gaffey contributed \$6,000 to the last Lincoln Democratic gubernatorial campaign.

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TWO YOUNG LIVES ENDED.

Thirteen Year Old George Coyne, a Victim of Train Jumping.

George W. Coyne, 13 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coyne of No. 20 Shilo Row, was instantly killed about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon at Bridge No. 16 familiarly known as DeMuth's bridge about a half mile north of Shilo mills. Young Coyne with a number of other lads was engaged in jumping on and off freight trains when the accident happened. He jumped on a train bound for Connellsville and just as he passed over the bridge alighted. A light engine to which was attached a cutaway came along at this moment and knocked him into Mount's creek. When he was picked up life was extinct. The lad's skull was fractured and his right leg above the ankle was broken. He suffered slight bruises about the body but was not mangled. The remains were brought to the morgue and prepared for burial.

The boy was named after the Father of His Country. His full name being George Washington Coyne. He was born on Washington's birthday and in this manner received the name. His parents were notified immediately of the accident and came home at once. Besides his mother and father he is survived by several brothers and sisters. The remains will be taken to Pittsburgh for interment at his parents' home.

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To divide the State into four or five districts appears to be the plan that commends itself to those who have been figuring on the subject. By dividing the State into large districts the number of bits of patronage to be conferred will be increased and the power of the State organization needs only be increased in proportion.

EGAN HELD.

For Court Without Bail on a Charge of Wrecking Train No 10 on Saturday Night.

At a hearing Thursday afternoon before Justice of the Peace J. C. Stong of West Newton it was held without bail for court trial on a charge of wrecking train No 10 on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad just prior to the wreck on Saturday night. The two men who were killed were killed several passengers injured and a large property loss incurred. Simon Davis, engineer of the second section of the wrecked train, died 14 minutes after the accident, having climbed into his engine cab. He and Egan left him in the engine cab. He and Egan told him that many passengers lived in the neighborhood. G. A. Ogle, Superintendent of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, Jones produced a lock from Egan's coat house and also the lock from the switch which had been left open, causing the switch. He admitted that he had opened both locks.

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TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS.

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FIGURES FOR GIBSON ROOMS

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A Story of Manhattan

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CHAPTER I

AS SUDDEN gust of wind wrenches the door from Godfrey's grasp and slammed it with a bang that echoed through the building.

"Anybody?" he asked as he stepped the aisle from his coat.

Simmonds, the grizzled veteran of the central office now temporarily in charge of the devous business of the "Tenderloin," shook his head despondently.

"Not a thing. Only he added his eyes gleaming suddenly with apprehension, you were right about that DeLancey abduction case. It was all a faked up story on the mother's part. She confessed this evening."

"I thought she would if you kept at her," said Godfrey sitting down with a quick nod of satisfaction. "She hasn't nerve enough to carry through a thing like that she's too pink and white. How does it happen you're alone?"

"Johnston's gone down to Philadelphia to bring back Biggs, the former Pimlico's got the grip. Bad night."

There was a certain similarity in the faces of the two men, especially in the expression of the eyes and mouth. Age, however, had given to Simmonds a trace of stoical which was wanting in those of his companion. He had been connected with the central office for many years, was, deo to the force of fate and fortune, he had developed no special genius in his dealing with crime he possessed a matter of fact industry and personal courage which had frequently achieved success. In the end he had come to trust him greatly, probably because the brilliant theoretic of the force made so many unfortunate mistakes.

Godfrey was a brilliant theorist and something more. He was not so patient as Simmonds, but then he was much younger. He had more imagination, and perhaps his greatest weak ness was that he preferred picturesque solutions to commonplace ones. During his three years connection with the force he had won four or five notable victories so notable indeed that they attracted the attention of the Record management. The end of it was that Godfrey resigned his badge and entered the Record office as criminal expert climbing gradually to the position of star reporter. Since then the Record had not wafted on the police indeed it had been rather the other way around.

It was with Simmonds that Godfrey had long since concluded an alliance offensive and defensive. The one supplemented the other—the eagle gave eyes to the mole, the mole gave the eagle the power of working patiently in the dark. Simmonds kept Godfrey in touch with police affairs, Godfrey enabled Simmonds to make a startling arrest now and then. Godfrey got the story. Simmonds got the glory and both were satisfied. It may be added that without the least suspecting it the mole was considerably under the influence of the eagle. Brauns natural lead industry. Besides, the blind must have guidance.

They listened until the gust of wind died away down the street then Godfrey arose and began to button up his coat.

"Nevertheless," he said. "I've got to be moving on. I can't stay loitering here. I wouldn't have stopped at all but for the chance of seeing you."

"Oh don't go," protested Simmonds. "I was rightly glad to see you come in. I was feeling a little lonesome. Wait till this squall's over anyway and have a smoke."

Godfrey took the proffered cigar and relaxed into his chair.

"I'm only human," he said as he struck a match and besides there's a fascination about you Simmonds. There's always a chance of getting a good story out of you. You know more about the criminal history of New York than any other man living, I think. Hello what's this?"

The door flew back with a crash and a man rushed in—a heavy set man with red cheeks—who stopped, gasping, clutching at his throat.

Godfrey had a flush to his lips in an instant.

"Come, brace up," he commanded sternly slapping the ranger on the back. Take a swallow of this. That's it."

"It seems to me I know him re marked Simmonds, looking at the flushed countenance with contemplative eyes.

"Of course you do," cried Higgins hoarsely. "I'm Higgins—the Marathon. And he jerked his head toward the door.

"Yes," said Simmonds. "You're the junior of the Marathon apartment house just across the street."

"Well what's happened at the Marathon?" demanded Godfrey. "Out with it!"

"It's murder," cried Higgins hoarsely. "I see him a living on his back—He stopped and covered his eyes with his hands. Simmonds had quickly opened a drawer and slipped a revolver into his pocket. Then he took down the revolver from his desk phone.

"That you sergeant?" he called. "This is Simmonds. Send three men over to the Marathon right away."

He put back the receiver with a jerk. Godfrey twirled the janitor sharply around in the direction of the door.

"Go ahead," he commanded and pushed rather than led him out into the street.

They made a dash for it through the rain which was still pouring in torrents. Halfway across the street they descended a cab standing at the farther curb and veered to the right to avoid it.

"Here we are," said Higgins running up a short flight of steps into a lighted vestibule. It's in spot fourteen-second floor."

They sprang up the stairs without thinking of the elevator—one flight, two. Higgins began to choke again.

A single door stood open throwing a broad glare of light across the hall. A little blood was still welling from a wound just over the heart.

"It's there," said Higgins, and stopped to gasp for breath.

The others ran on. For an instant they stood upon the threshold gazing into the room at a bundled form on the floor with a red stain growing and growing upon its breast—at a woman staring white faced from the farther corner—a woman, tall with black hair and black eyes.

Then Godfrey stepped toward her with a quiet exclamation of surprise incredulity horror.

"Why it's Miss Croydon," he said.

CHAPTER II

SIMMONDS had dropped on one knee beside the body. He was up again in an instant.

"No need for an ambulance," he said tersely. "He's dead."

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